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Human Service Center Advisory Group to meet April 21 in Minot

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Regional Advisory Group for the North Dakota Department of Human Services' North Central Human Service Center in Minot is meeting Monday, April 21, 2014, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the public behavioral health and human services agency located at 1015 S. Broadway, Suite 18. The public is welcome to attend.

The meeting agenda includes a review of the February 2014 meeting minutes and updates about North Central Human Service Center's operations, budget, and staffing. The center's Developmental Disabilities Unit will also give a presentation about programming and services and how people qualify for their services. The agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Ronasa Kabanuck at 701-857-8641, toll free 888-470-6968, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888 or rkabanuck@nd.gov.

The center's regional advisory group includes representatives from Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, and Ward counties and the Three Affiliated Tribes.

Regional advisory group members provide information to the department about regional needs to help plan, develop, and administer programs and services, review services and programs, and make recommendations to improve them. Members also promote cooperation and working agreements with private human service agencies, and promote collaborative public and private financing to meet regional needs. Each of the state's eight regional human service centers has a Human Service Advisory Group.

North Central Human Service Center provides counseling and mental health services, substance abuse treatment, disability services, and other human services directly or through partnerships with county social services and other providers. While services may vary based on unique regional needs and available community resources, core services provided by North Dakota's eight regional human service centers are described online at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/docs/hsc-core-services.pdf.

North Central Human Service Center employs about 120 people and during state fiscal year 2012, staff members served 3,398 individuals from its main location in Minot and outreach offices in Bottineau, Rugby, Stanley, and New Town. Center information is on the Web at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/northcentral/index.html.

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